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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 June 2004.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 2,8,11 and 18 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 3 and 12 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 1.4-7,9,10 and 13-17 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 1, 4-7, 9, 10 and 13-17 are objected to because of the following informalities:

The claims objected to are apparently not in idiomatic English and apparently should be amended as suggested below:

1. A method of protecting information transmitted in a data transmission system, the information transmitted ~~exchange~~ being pieces of data having a format comprising ~~of~~ one or more headers and a data zone, wherein said method comprises the step of:
inserting into at least one header, ~~of~~ at least one EPB marker segment compatible with a format of the data exchanged; and comprising redundancy data to detect and/or correct errors.
4. The method according to claim 1, wherein the EPB marker segment includes a part designed to protect the header by using a default code and another part corresponding to the an error correction code specified in the a parameter of the EPB.
5. The method according to claim 1, ~~comprising wherein~~ several segments EPBi positioned ~~or not positioned one after the other and~~ ~~protecting~~ protect the data positioned after the header or headers.
6. The method according to claim 1, wherein the data transmitted have different levels of sensitivity to error, and the header ~~comprising~~ comprises several segments EPBi, one segment EPBi comprising an error correction code that is chosen substantially as a function of ~~these the~~ the levels of sensitivity.
7. The method according to claim 1, wherein the data transmitted have different levels of sensitivity to errors, and the header ~~comprising~~ comprises several segments EPBi, the an error correction code within being the same for all the data transmitted.

9. A system of data transmission, the using a data transmission format comprising at least one header and payload data, wherein said system comprises:

at least one transmitter adapted to insert, into at least one header, ~~of~~ at least one EPB marker segment compatible with a format of the data transmitted and comprising redundancy data to detect and/or correct errors.

10. The method of claim 3, wherein the EPB marker segment includes a part designed to protect the header by using a default code and another part corresponding to the an error correction code specified in the a parameter of the EPB.

13. The system of claim 9, wherein the EPB marker segment includes a part designed to protect the header by using a default code and another part corresponding to the an error correction code specified in the a parameter of the EPB.

14. The system of claim 12, wherein the EPB marker segment includes a part designed to protect the header by using a default code and another part corresponding to the an error correction code specified in the a parameter of the EPB.

15. The system of claim 9, comprising wherein several segments EPBi positioned ~~or not positioned one after the other and protecting~~ protect the data positioned after the header or headers.

16. The method according to claim 9, wherein the data transmitted have different levels of sensitivity to error, and the header comprising comprises several segments EPBi, one segment EPBi comprising an error correction code that is chosen substantially as a function of these the levels of sensitivity.

17. The method according to claim 9, wherein the data transmitted have different levels of sensitivity to errors, and the header comprising comprises several segments EPBi, the an error correction code within being the same for all the data transmitted.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 3 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 3 and 12 are redundant with claims 2 and 11.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1, 2, 4-11 and 13-18 are allowed.

Conclusion

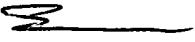
5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen M. Baker whose telephone number is (571) 272-3814. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (11:00 AM - 7:30 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Albert DeCady can be reached on (571) 272-3819. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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